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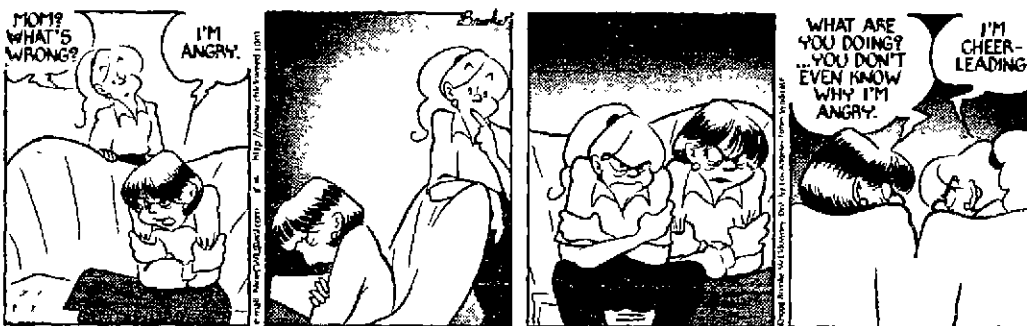
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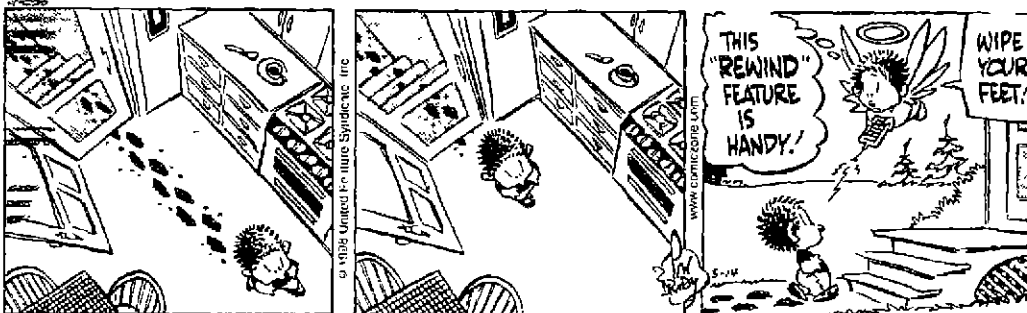
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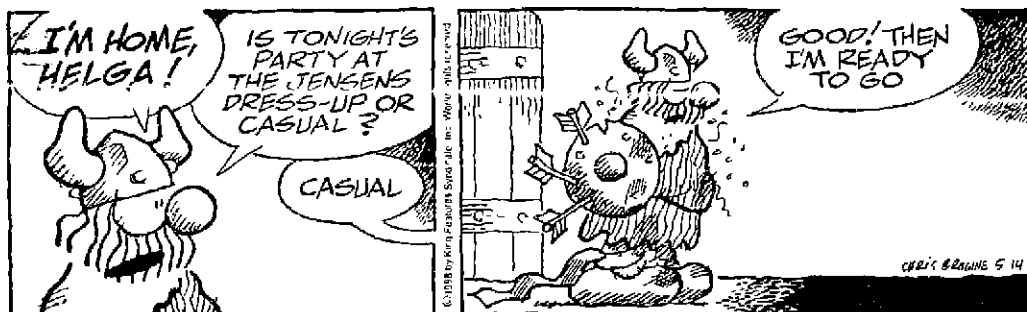
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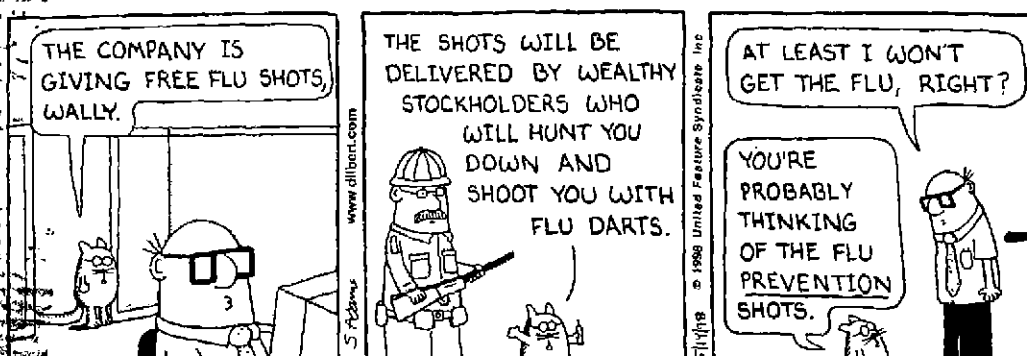
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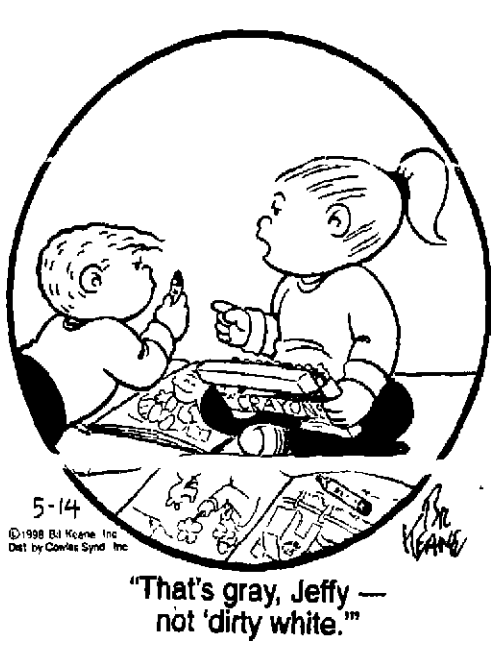
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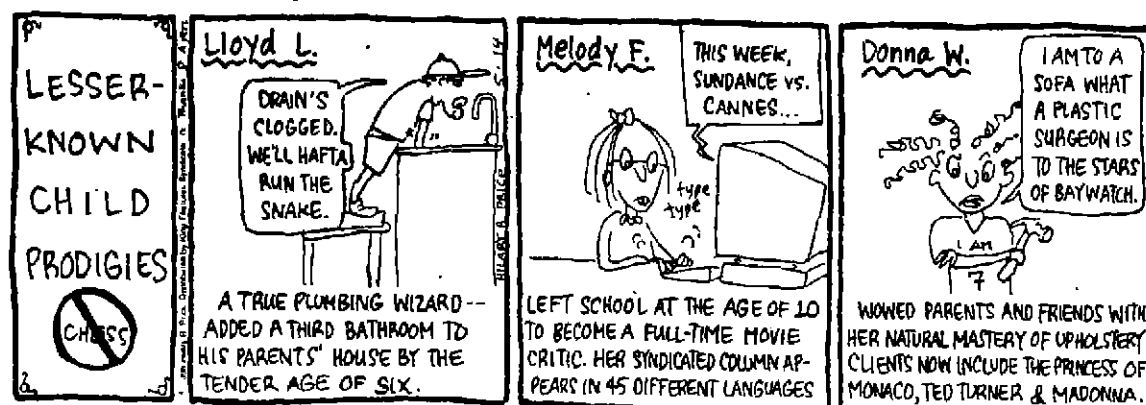
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, May 15, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't let friends interfere with work that has to be done. Be on the alert for new opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Money seems to be a touchy subject. Group activities are favored.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Something you overlooked comes to your attention. A tendency to come on too strong might not sit well with a partner.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Nonmaterial pursuits are favored over business interests. You need to watch what you spend.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Shop around before you agree to a business proposition. Disagreements about a trip could occur.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You'll be delighted to run into or hear from someone you haven't seen in a while. Tensions exist at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) On a day when you're easily provoked, be careful not to take your frustrations out on a close tie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Letting things slide on the job could lead to tension with co-workers.

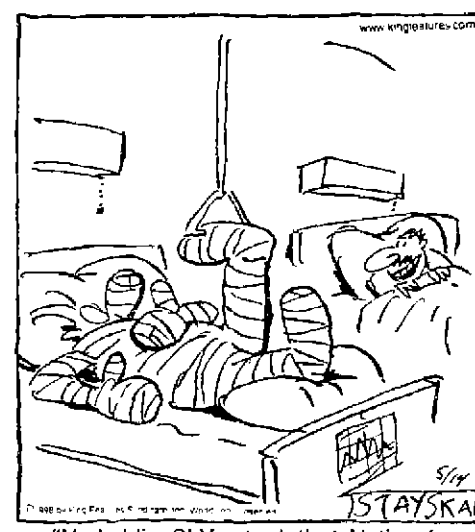
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Seek new ways to increase income and avoid a confrontation of wills with a close tie. Try to insure harmony.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's your turn to give a partner a pleasant surprise. There might be an argument over money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Things could become heated between you and an adviser. Financial backing comes from an unexpected quarter.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A loved one could question your position on a career matter.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Baseball Triple crown

A V S P N K I F C A X V S Q O
D L J H E E C A X V T R P N L
U S J H I Y B S N R O H F R D
F B N O Y X V T M R K P O O M
F K J U I G E D B A C B I Z G
Y A S T R Z E M S K I X B I W
L E G A R E V A N N W L R O U
T E L T N A M R S I D H L Q C
O N L J I X X O F G E F D I C
A Y X W S E N I H G M L V T W
S R P O N L K J I G F E K C B

Wednesday's unlisted clue: LABEL

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: ROGERS -

Average	Gehrig	Lajoie	Robinson
Cobb	Hines	Mantle	Williams
Duffy	Horne runs	Medwick	Yastrzemski
Fox	Klein	RBI	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0402

ACROSS

- 1 Lose it
- 5 Former NATO Mediterranean headquarters
- 10 Illegal block
- 14 Smooth-tongued
- 15 Pursuer of the Pleiades
- 16 ——— erectus
- 17 Polecat's defense
- 18 Disappearing phone features
- 19 "Mrs. Bridge" novelist Connell
- 20 1928 trademark song for Ruth Etting
- 23 Crammers' concerns
- 24 Ramakrishna's title
- 25 For example
- 27 Fresno-to-L.A. dir.
- 28 Succeeds
- 32 Unbalanced
- 34 Restless, to Rachmaninoff
- 35 University of Delaware mascot
- 39 Less severe
- 40 A "fine" place?
- 41 Tarzan portrayer Lincoln
- 42 Kind of list
- 43 Tony winner Hagen
- 46 Knucklehead
- 47 Op. ———
- 48 Deep sleep
- 50 1975 song from "A Chorus Line"
- 57 ——— monde (society)
- 58 Rated NC-17
- 59 "Up Where We Belong," for one
- 60 Something (a wow)
- 61 Avian chatterbox
- 62 Entry blank datum: Abbr.
- 63 Charity's calculation
- 64 Thomas Gray work
- 65 Actress ——— May Oliver

DOWN

- 1 Firmflam
- 2 Venetian resort
- 3 1963 Al Martino hit
- 4 Beaker material
- 5 Surfing equipment?
- 6 Songlike
- 7 Makeup artist?
- 8 Damage done
- 9 "As I Lay Dying" father
- 10 Thin kidskin
- 11 1968 hit for the Troggs
- 12 official
- 13 Johnny cake
- 14 Bell and Barker
- 15 Be polite to a caller, perhaps
- 16 Mercury model
- 17 Ready to droo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

STEM CLOY JAKE
LODI RAYES EMIT
ENGAGEMENTSTONE
WEE OPEN APHIDS
ALE BREA
EVENASANAACCOUNT
MELON BATHS TOO
TDO GLENN SOLED
LITERARYSOCIETY
GEMS PMR
STEREO SEEM ALP
LOVERSIMBROGLIO
UKES ACURA APEX
MESS EGOS BONY

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"Where in the world did you find that lead?" asked an uneasy

South. Right out of the Book of Knowledge," replied West. He didn't embarrass South by any mention of South's contribution to West's decision. Rejecting the "book lead" of the diamond jack, West led a startling diamond king. When dummy appeared with a singleton queen, one player was elated while the other was downcast. It was easy to tell one from the other. With little else to do, South refused the first trick, and West continued with the jack. This was an obvious suit-preference signal indicating that his entry was in hearts, the higher-ranking suit. With the spade ace visible in dummy, hearts and clubs were the relevant suits. South held off again, but West persisted with the diamond 10. South could now cash out for two down or take the spade finesse for three down. He took the high road, the spade finesse lost, and the game suffered a three-trick set. Why did West lead the diamond king instead of the jack? It was his best shot at defeating the game. It wins whenever dummy or East holds a singleton queen and loses little or nothing when the queen is not singleton.

NORTH 0514-A
 ♠ A J 7 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8 5
 ♦ Q
 ♣ J 7 5

WEST **EAST**
 ♠ 5 ♠ K 9 8 4 2
 ♥ A 9 4 ♥ J 7 2
 ♦ K J 10 9 8 6 3 ♦ 4 2
 ♣ 8 2 ♣ 6 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 10 6
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ A 7 5
 ♣ A K Q 10 9

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: North

The bidding.

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♠	3♦
Pass	Pass	3NT	All pass

*pre-emptive

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first/second, Millie Albrigo, Janet Sinclair; Louis Bashaw, Doug Lyon; Saturday evening, first/second, Janet Sinclair, Bob Seymour, Bill Oliver, Millie Albrigo.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Larry Sunser, John Molinar; second, Kathleen Young, Joe Fortino; Sunday evening, first, Doug Lyon, Bill Barrington; second, Bob Donahue, Peter Leonelli; Monday morning, first, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; second, Gayle Barrington, Winona Phillips; Monday evening, first, Mary Walsh, Cornelia Yoder; second, Joanne Baccile, Dale Swift; Tuesday evening, first/second, Judith Bailey, Mary Walsh; Joanne Baccile, Joan Phillips; Wednesday evening, first, Howard Cring, Carmen Swenson; second, Ron Dewey, Cornelia Yoder; Thursday morning, first/second, Sarah Myers, Debi Belander; Janet Sinclair, Vera La Valle; Thursday evening, first, Judy Everts, Carmen Swenson; second, Sharon Ausman, Howie Cring; Friday morning, 1 NS, Bernie Dropcho, Sandra Dropcho; 2 NS, Dennis Cleary, Diana Cleary; 1 EW, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; 2 EW, John DeMara, John Chappell; Friday evening, Carl Hileman, George Winslow; second, Sharon Ausman, Mike Walsh; Saturday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus; second, Bill Barrington, Mike Walsh.

Concord: 1 NS, Rosemary Dunn, Dot Joiner; 2 NS, Mary Gorkin, Barb Renschmidt; 1 EW, Dale Swift, Gene Wurdinger; 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Lois Meyer, Marcia Rothchild; 2 NS, Muriel Herr, Eileen Wayne; 1 EW, Beverly Goldberg, Norma Goldberg; 2 EW, Shirley Ashkin, Dottie Poushter.

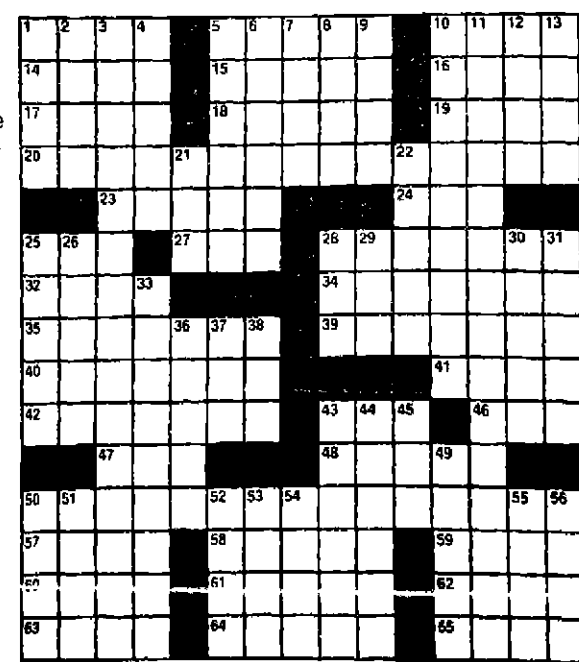
Liverpool: 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Howard Jommarow; 2 NS, Laura Distin, Ann Divers; 1 EW, Betty Burns, Ann O'Brien; 2 EW, Mary Gorkin, Ann Marin.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Judy Butcher, Helene Grove; 2 NS, Mary Armstrong, Betty Pfeiffer; 1 EW, Ann Divers, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, Marie O'Brien, Jo Spooner.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, John Hemmer, Rick Olsonoff; second, Bill Burnett, Dot Eveleigh; Thursday afternoon, 1 NS, Clo Morris, Joan Phillips; 2 NS, MaryAnn Finn, Anne O'Brien; 1/2 EW, Ann Divers, Dale Swift; Dennis Cleary, Gerry Radway, Thursday evening, first, Hal Brigade, Dot Eveleigh; second, Sharon Paulus, Gerry Wurdinger; Friday evening, first, Gerry Radway, Anne Simon; second, Virgil Eveleigh, Helene Gove.

Western Hills: 1 NS, Maggie Christy, Joan Shibel; 2 NS, Roni Capraro, Jackie Viggiano; 1 EW, Esther Greenlee, Betty Pfeiffer; 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Marie O'Brien.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.



Puzzle by Alex K. Justin

28 Zine
29 Go gray
30 Twos in the news
31 Corrida chargers
33 Let
37 Prior to, to Prior
38 Gov. Pataki's place: Abbr.
43 Old Glory
44 Like some smiles
45 Borrower's concern, briefly
46 It may be golden
49 Under what circumstances
51 Hearty partner
52 Agatha Christie, e.g.
53 Theocritus work
54 Frank Herbert novel
55 Style
56 Singer James or Innes

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